

M'MANIGAL SAYS HE WILL QUEER "HIGHER UPS"

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While packing up his belongings in his cell in the county jail here today, preparatory to his departure tonight for Indianapolis, Ortie McManigal, who has confessed to exploding dynamite at the Llewellyn Iron Works, on which charge he has never been arraigned, dictated an exclusive statement for the United Press. McManigal feels especially bitter toward Clarence Darrow, chief of counsel for the McNamaras. His statement follows:

By Ortie McManigal.

They are going to take me to Indianapolis tonight to testify before the grand jury investigating the dynamite conspiracy—well, I am going to tell all that I know about it, and that is more than anyone else knows besides John J. McNamara and several other "higher ups," in union labor circles who now are enjoying temporary freedom. I am going to tell the Indianapolis jury things that I have even withheld from William J. Burns, and when the probe is ended, if justice is done, a score of men who were responsible for my deeds will find lodgment behind prison bars.

Now that the McNamaras have confessed I wonder if the rank and file of union labor still feel bitterly towards me. I wonder if I could, for ninety-five per cent of the members of organized labor are hard working, broad-minded and God-fearing men. It is the crookedness of their leaders that

has brought about all this trouble.

This is going to mean the cleaning out of the corrupt "higher-ups" in the labor unions. I have done all that I could for the cause of justice and I now feel that I have in a measure atoned for my deeds. I am glad that I took the stand I did from the first and stuck to it, regardless of all the threats that were made to win me over.

The only thing that worries me now is the estrangement between me and my wife. With Clarence Darrow rests the responsibility for this.

I never wanted to get into the dynamiting business anyway, and was induced to do the work against my will. After I started I was forced to keep at it by labor officials high up in the organization under threat of my life. They told me to do it, and threatened that if I did not, they would "fix me."

I did their dirty work and now I am suffering for it, as I hope they will be made to suffer after the grand jury investigation is ended. They doubled-crossed me and I didn't get \$1,000 coming to me for jobs I did.

I don't know what's in store for me. There have been no promises made to me and I do not know where I am to go to jail or my freedom. I don't much expect to get out without any punishment, though, because I feel there is something coming to me."